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Which is why I remark-And tricks that are dark
And tricks that are keen,
Old Zachary, he is peculiar,
Which the same is plain to be seen

Old Zach is his name. That instead of the same
Old Nick might imply
His instincts malicious the better;
Which the same is plain to be seen

'Twas November the eighth, And the votes had been cast; Sam Tilden and me Thought we had 'em at last; Yet Zach played a trick upon Samu And me in a way not surpassed.

Which we had a small game, And Old Zach took a hand,

It was Euchre—the same
He did well understand—
So he smiled as he sat at the table
And winked at the canvassing band.

Then he swore a great oath
That the thing couldn't be,
And he clinched his fists both, And said, "Listen to me:
'e are ruined by fraudulent ballots—
We must have a fair counting, you see.

In the scene that ensued They did all take a hand;

In the box, which was strong, There were duplicate packs, Which the figures were altered,

To alter the facts; And if increase of ballots were needed They snuggled them in through th cracks.

Thus the cards were all stocked
At the order Zach gave.
And my feelings were shocked
At the tricks of the knave,
Which he played with intent to deceive
And, perhaps, in the end to enslave. But the game that was played,

It was fearful to see,
And the way they did cheat
Beat the "Heathen Chinee;"
Till at last they put down for R. H.
Which the same had been dealt of

Which is how they count in, And a President choose; "Heads"—Ruthy shall win—

With the troops they are ready to use.

Which is why I remark—
And I say what I mean—
That for ways that are dark
And for tricks most unclean Old Zach and his "pards" are peculiar, Which the same is plain to be seen.

### Select Story.

The Masked Burglars. "If you please, gentlemen, your aunt's up stairs.'

It was a frosty November evening, AVERILL CHEMICAL PAINT, that jeweled all the grass, when How- with his brother. ard Mott and his brother Richard, returning from an all-day's hunting exsentence that heads our story. Within, for the nearest intelligence office. the wood fire was shining brightly on in the distant woods called mournfully | man's night before last?" to his mate, and crickets and katydids

clamored noisily. Howard dropped his glance with a stony stare.

me out ?" theatrically spouted Richard "Come by the noon train," breathwhere you can get the general stress of the top 19-inch leg, for \$4\$. This is our highest top 19-inch leg, for \$4\$. This is our highest priced heavy Boot, and the best domestic Kip Boot we can offer the public, after having been through all the principal shoe markets of the and a poodle dog! Which if I am expected to wash and curl that poof you're got to go to town to-night?—

> upon any other puppies than those you are already in charge of. Now let me pass. Come on Howard-it's as well to face the music at once."

At the head of the stairs Aunt Popplethorpe met her nephews with manifold hugs and kisses She was a tall

her shoulders. "Well, boys, I dare say I have surprised you," said Aunt Popplethorpe.

see, Aunt Popplethorpe, when Dick the tree tops. and I came here to get out of the way general-

"Oh, exactly," said Aunt Popple- myself," thorpe beamingly. "But, you see, I'm young woman down in the kitchen settle her hash first, and then-"

ance, while his brother uttered a creak- the direction of Covington with the would come down, I'd be happy .-

added Aunt Popplethorpe. "Is that all ?" said Howard

spend the summer with my married knitting daughter in Chillicothe. But it is a good while to spring."

"And in the meantime, we can all

enjoy ourselves together," said Aunt Popplethorpe ain't no use of her limbs!" Popplethorpe, with a beaming counte-

the end was that Aunt Popplethorpe, spring cricket." not being used to country houses, open wood fixes, and the atmosphere of for- burst into the kitchen, shrieking: ests, fell ill of rheumatic fever, and didn't recover at all. That is to say. lars! The same that were here night after a certain number of weeks spent | before last!" in bed, she concluded to stay there altogether, although with no perceptible diminution in appetite or good spirits.

"Don't be annoyed, boys," said Aunt said the squire. Popplethorpe, "but Dr. Drake thinks I've lost the use of my limbs."

"Dr. Drake is an old humbug!" im- Ruddiman, bridling. petuously broke out Howard Mott, who was beginning to regard Aunt Popplethorpe as Sinbad of old might have regarded the Old Man of the Sea.

"I beg your pardon," said Aunt Pop-

"But I am!" muttered Richard, unpiazza. "Shall we commit suicide, or watch under the pillowshall we emigrate to Australia?"

"Don't let's do either in a hurry" said Howard "Look here, Dick, Aunt Popplethorpe's ailments are one-half be home in a jiffy." Dr. Drake, and the other half imagina-

help our case?"

Howard laughed and shrugged his said he; "but I believe I can cure our enerated relative." "How ?"

"I'll tell you how."

Aunt Popplethorpe had lain in bed nine weeks without putting a foot to the floor. June had come with its roses and dew, and one dark, starless night the western sky as red as the leaves going over to the neighboring town burglars was after you.

"And leave me alone ?" cried Aunt Popplethorpe-for the seventh damsel pedition, were greeted by the maid-of- since Pamela had just given warning all-work with the explosively uttered and departed with bundle and bandbox,

Howard laughed. "You're not afraid the old fashioned stone hearth; candles of ghosts, are you, Aunt Popplethorpe? by laughing, when I saw her run down glittered like yellow stars on the well- The only thing that can harm you are the back stairs wrapped in that old blue spread supper table, and an appetizing masked burglars-and we'll be sure to blanket. odor of broiled chicken, coffee and waf. be home by ten o'clock. By the way, fles impregnated the air. Without, the Dick," turning to his brother, "did you undutiful nephews got rid of their Aunt dead leaves rustled under foot, an owl hear that they visited Squire Ruddi-

vacant stare.

"Tied the old gentleman hand and at his brother. Richard returned the foot, hung his wig on the bean-pole in And she never goes to bed now, in only at fabulous prices when on exhibi-"Aunt Popplethorpe!" cried the false teeth into the hominy-pot, cleaned volver under her pillow, and a goodout the money-drawer, carried off the silver spoons, and raised Cain gener- bed. "Oh, mine enemy, hast thou found ally! Two of 'em, tall, muscular felrobes like executioners."

Can't you wait until to-morrow?

"Impossible, aunt," cried Dick, briskly. "We are going on business of the utmost importance; but don't fret, we shan't be long. And we'll

no one to hear it."

"Oh, well, there's some satisfaction

seems capable enough, but of course But Aunt Popplethorpe waited to mon!-Bishop Latimer. you need some sort of a head to your hear no more. Through the crack of household, and I don't grudge taking the door she could see two gliding any amount of care and responsibility figures in black, masked and grim- the monarchs of the forest, everything for the sake of my sister's sons I've and springing to her feat with an alac- ooks dreary," remarked a young New he is prepared with excellent horse, cart and wagons, to do all kinds of Hauling at lower rates than can be obtained elsewhere. Coal "Much obliged, I'm sure," said How- her, and flew down the back stairs, out hending his meaning, said: "That's ard Mott, with an indescribable grim- at the door, and across the meadows in so; now if sausage and buckwheat

"I can only stay until spring-" ping until she had reached the hospitable shelter of Squire Ruddiman's wife.

The squire was smoking his pipe by "On account of having promised to the casement; Mrs. Ruddiman was

"Why," cried the squire, "it's Mrs. Popplethorpe, without any shoes or "Indeed it is," said Richard, feel- stockings, and rolled up in a bed quilt, like an Egyptian mummy!" "Nonsense!" cried his wife. "Mrs.

"She's got it back again, anyhow," said the squire, with a grin, "for here That was the beginning of it. And she comes, cuttin' away as lively as a

> As he spoke, Aunt Popplethorpe "Masked burglars! Masked burg-

Breathlessly she explained. quire and his wife stared. 'There ain't no burglars been here,'

"And it's all a pack of lies about the wig and the false teeth!" said Mrs.

"How folks will talk!" said the squire. Just then Howard Mott put his head into the door

"I've lost my aunt," said he. "I plethorpe, "he is a very scientific man, hope the burglars haven't taken her who thoroughly comprehends the prin- away. Hallo ! there she is. Why, ciples of pathology. However, I'm not Aunt Popplethorpe, how came you one to repine against the will of Provi- here? Dick is hunting up the town crier on your behalf, and-

"It's no laughing matter, nephew der his breath. "Between Dr. Drake Howard," retorted the old lady, with and Aunt Popplethorpe, I am rapidly dignity. "I do declare I thought my becoming a fit candidate for the lunatic heart would burst out of my ribs afore What shall we do, Howard?" I could get here. With masked burghe added, as they went out on the lars on the stairs, and my best gold

"But there's no danger now. Aunt Popplethorpe," said Howard, soothingly. "Just take my arm, and we'll

"I wouldn't set foot in that house again, not for a hundred dollar bill," "I don't doubt it-but how does that said Aunt Popplethorpe. "Just send my trunks over, Howard-what the masked burglars have left of 'em-and and get warm," I said to her. shoulders. "I am not an M. D., Dick," I'll take the train to New York to-morrow evening."

"Just as you say, aunt," said Howard Mott, inwardly chuckling. "But I don't understand how you recovered the use of your limbs so suddenly.' "Stepped as spry as a girl of sixteen," said Squire Ruddiman.

"You'd step spry, I guess," sput-Howard announced his intention of tered Aunt Popplethorpe, "if masked Howard went back to where

> honey-suckle wreathed porch should have betrayed the whole scheme glow of self-respect."

That was the way in which those two Popplethorpe-otherwise, she might "No! Did they?" said Dick, with a was considerably disappointed by losing things sent by all the civilized nations.

And now I find that I have passed things sent by all the civilized nations. o miss Mrs. Popplethorpe much. front of the door, and put the old lady's Chillicothe, Ohio, without a loaded resized walking-stick at the head of the

"For I have such a horror of burglows, with black velvet masks and black lars!" said Aunt Popplethorpe. "Particularly those abominable masked ones!

Jonah was but one man, and he number of words, and yet he turned the while the pale faced woman at my door my fellow-travelers, or for the kingdom poor, king and all. We may be preach- may earn a scanty bit of bread, and shall soon have become an inhabitant leave the dinner bell on the stand, so ers here in England, and we preach respect myself." that you can ring it like mad if any one many long sermons, and yet the people will not repent and convert. This was "But what good will it do? There's the first fruit, the effect, and the good with a clatter. Have you never known in making a noise," said Howard, conmended their evil living, and did penwoman, with a figure like a pump, solingly. And, in spite of Aunt Poplance in sackcloth. And yet here in stood by every one except just the man plethorpe's remonstrance, away they this sermon of Jonah's is no great curi- who might have profited by that piece Mrs. Popplethorpe was not a nervous ousness, no great clerkliness, no great of information. And have you never woman, but after the story of the masked affectation of words, nor of painted elo- known a man quiet, unostentatious and "Well, yes, you have," admitted burglars she felt cold chills run down quence; it was none other but, "yet faithful, and who was a perpetual blessher spinal column at every creak of the forty days and Ninevah shall be des-"A little," added Howard. "You blinds, every rush of the wind through troyed!" It was no more. This was memory lingered long after he was "If ever I let 'em go off and leave mon; it had a full bite; it was a rough gorgeous sunset? ing reasons:
Our Collar Bands are Linen, and are Three of the busy world, and dodge society in me again," said Aunt Popplethorpe to sermon, and a sharp, biting sermon. herself, "it'll be because I can't help Do you not here marvel these Ninevites | course; but when it is met and drowned cast not Jonah into prison? that they by the majestic tides rolling from the Hush! A grating of the latch—a did not revile him nor rebuke him?— sea, there is silence on the hills. In a city to give place to one man's ser- shallow, and again the empty chatter-

"Since the falling of the foliage from must be from their effects, are not necesspeed of a girl of eighteen, never stop- Ralle Co. Record.

this city. I suppose the change is of Prye, tutor. He had contracted the ly wrecked by the refusal of a girl which is within, because to-day, when ter with old professors.

very hungry and very cold." can't I do it, please?" piped a shiver-

ing little boy.

winter I hoped I might be dead before tinct mention of the "father of ini- in reverie. the winter came again, but when the quity," and Tom promptly appeared "The name of the girl who treated brighten the world seem to be wanted much anywhere, or "the demons;" "confound it;" "see else can do it justice." perhaps I might get to die and be com- here;" "help!" and he shifted about fortable," she added, after pausing to and hung to the railing, and tried to before you, Charles," said an elderly reflect between the last sentence and stand on his knees.

ma'am, for I've been starving with the

sidewalk to sweep. brother was smoking a cigar by the We can put our masks back of the shall fall again upon either the child's evening of the week I would address kitchen fire now. But I thought I or the man's forehead to melt upon a the young men of my congregation. In

New York when the rich and the poor the limits at 16-35. And then, for the were so far apart either in smypathy or first time the thought occurred to me circumstances. The shops are filled that I was not a young man, and that bled—and there was no jesting, no pocket for a month without knowing its with the rarest of beautiful things from I never should be again. Before I was laughing; but instead, tears in more worth. the geniuses of both the artist and the aware, I had passed beyond thirty-five, have been lying there yet. Dr. Drake artisan. Philadelphia has drifted up to and was in the midst of my days. It of the earth, which could be purchased out of middle life, and that my place is anything that is beautiful of our own space. I cannot reasonably expect to country's handiwork. It is claimed that live beyond three-score years and ten. the merchants in the various parts of And how soon will that limit be reachthe world, notably in China and Japan, ed, if my life shall be spared till then France and England, procured dupli- I look back to some event that occurred cates, or close copies of the articles that ten years ago, and the time looks very were rewarded with medals or parch- short; but as yesterday. Nor will the ment approvals, and they are now mak- ten years to come pass less rapidly .ing fortunes out of the late enthusiasm | They will fly away as the swift ships of our citizens. A tiny cup and saucer, and bear me across the ocean of time, preached but one sermon, and it was daintily painted, and as frail as it is and land me on the shores of eternity but a short sermon as touching the beautiful, was sold at auction for \$70, All that I can do for my own soul, for whole city, great and small, rich and says: "Pray lend me a broom, that I of Christ here, must be done soon."

Earnestness does not always move that his sermon did, that the whole a man bustling and officious, clamorous city, at his preaching, converted, and and loud, but who did not weigh heavy no great curious sermon, a biting ser- gone, like light upon the hills after a

The shallow stream rattles along its Our Back Facings are both upper and unre; made wide, giving Strength and finish.

28 To the people that have been accusimed to buy materials for shirts, and have made up at home, we particularly call tor said I needed change and country

step on the stairs. A voice hoarse and him, but God gave them grace to hear him, but God gave them grace him, but God gave them grace him, but God gave them grace him, but God gave them made up at home, we particularly call tor said I needed change and country to their notice our RECIPROCITY SHIRT. All tor said I needed change and country with them made but the button holes, and only \$1.25 air, I resolved to come to see you. The slept? Up-stairs? Wery good. We'll preaching. A strange matter, so noble it. The tide flows down stream, grows slept? up-stairs? Wery good. We'll preaching. A strange matter, so noble it. The tide flows down stream, grows shallow and again the growth again the gro ing goes on. Things most potent, although demonstrative, as indeed they I do want. A new stock, lock and barsarily noisy. A strong, earnest life rel, why that's about equal to a new need not make what some people are in the habit of calling "a fuss." It is better known by the lead that strikes, than by the bang of the gun which sends it.

-Golden Rule. a sorrow borne willingly. How They Cured the Tutor.

I opened my door to look up and down Tommy Tayre is a cadaverous youth, upon such petty tricks of simplicity, waiting and whispering followed. Pres- such an one as a poet should have .but the clamor before my vestibule was ently came a furry, creeping sound like But for a certain wandering look,

"My mother can get no work at all; the first burst of glee had subsided. "If I only had a shovel or a broom down, then a scream that wasn't sup- spectful deference.

what she had said before. "Come in Tom brought a light and the boys ask you to favor the company with it?" carried the wounded man to his room, she asked, timidly. "I don't go to no soup houses, nor and offered sympathy; got a claw hamto no charity committees, ma'am, and I mer and drew out the tacks. The prodon't want anything I don't earn, if you fessor wears slippers and sits on a cushplease. If you give me the sweeping to ion. Tom sits on nettles, for seventeen do and lend me a broom I might be boys know the secret, and it is spread-

Three imploring faces, and but one This is my birthday, and I am sixty years old. Sooner than I expected, I To feed the child, and send a loaf to am an old man. I do not realize that the other children is not much in this I am. But the family record tells me great hungry city, but the humiliating so; and my looks in the glass accord influences of the uncarned bread! Who Some years ago I gave notice from the may know but that never a snowflake pulpit one Sabbath that on a certain preparing for the service, the question Never did a Christmas week pass in arose: "Who are the men?" I placed

of the unseen world : familiar with its great realities. If I am indeed Christ's. I shall be with him in heaven. I shall see the blessed Saviour face to face. and be like Him. My voice will be heard in that new song, which none but the redeemed can learn. I shall forever be done with sin and sorrow, and I shall know by precious experience the blessedness of that rest which remaineth for the people of God.

Mr. Spurgeon is apt at illustrations as the following shows: A raw countryman having brought his gun to the gunsmith for repairs, the latter, having examined it, said : "Your gun is in a worn-out, ruinous, good-for-nothing condition; what sort of repairing do you want for it?" "Well, said the man, "I don't see as I can do with anythat; and it strikes me that's just what Just the sort of repairing man's nature requires. The old nature cast aside as a complete wreek and good for nothing, through the door as if propelled from a low one impacted.

Kleintopf assumed the attitude of a No wringing of hands and knocking the breast, or wishing one's self unborn; all of which are but the ceremonies of and a new one imparted.

Renunciation remains sorrow, though The cause of woman suffrage-Scar-

"Annie Laurie."

The snow has been falling slowly and He was the pink of perfection. If "If you want to hear 'Annie Laurie" serenely, writes a New York correspon- the cream of human excellence was to sung, come to my house to-night," said dent It used to make me gleeful and be churned the butter would lump up a man to his friend. -"We have a loverosy, but it cannot do that any more in in the shape of Professor Porteous lorn fellow in the village, who was sadtime upon myself as well as circumstan- habit of stealing up stairs in his stock- whom he had been paying attention to ces upon the proud island. No, it is ing feet to see if the lights were out at for a year or more. It is seldom he not all because of the individual differ- ten. It is hard teaching old dogs new will attempt the song, but when he ence between the now and the then tricks, but boys sometimes succeed bet- does, I tell you he draws tears from eyes unused to weeping."

A small select company had assem the beautiful white street when the with a sulphur-colored mustache, but bled in a pleasant parlor, and were glamor of the snow should have made the iron had entered his soul, and he gayly chatting and laughing, when a it seem pure and enchanting, I saw said he must do what he could. So he tall young man entered, whose peculiar nothing that did not make me heavy bought three papers of carpet tacks one face and air instantly arrested attention. hearted I tried to turn my face up- night, and stood the innocent little He was very pale, with that clear, vivid ward to meet the melting stars that nails, business ends up, all the way up complexion which dark haired consumpwere falling from the gray clouds, just and down the stairs and retired with tives so often have. His locks were as for the sake of that childish habit which his faithful followers to the wood closet black as jet, and hung profusely upon clings to the most of us, no matter how above to await results. Promptly the a square white collar. His eyes were severely dignity scorns and tramples chapel bell struck ten, then a season of very large and spiritual, and his brow too sorrowful and imploring for such woollen stocking feeling their way over casual observer would have pronounced post-offices and passenger cars for Brarough boards Tommy tucked his hat him a man of uncommon intellectual "For God's sake let me shovel away in his mouth—his mouth runs clear powers. The words "poor fellow" and the snow," said a strong man; "I have around, except a small isthmus which "how sad he looks," went the rounds, a wife and little children, and they are connects the top of his head with the as he came forward, bowed to the comnape of his neck-and held his nose till pany, and took his scat. One or two thoughtless girls laughed as they pass. Now came a suppressed scream, one whispered that he was "love cracked" foot on the stairs; then another foot -but the rest treated him with a re-

may be ye would let me have the job to pressed; then a howl; he had struck It was late in the evening when singdo," said a low voiced old woman, whose the second stair; then he sat down on ing was proposed, and to ask him to at the root. features were not those of one who had the next step, but he got up again, and sing "Annie Laurie" was a task of unspent almost an entire life in struggling a groad, with exclamation points after common delicacy. One song after an- left Massachusetts the other day for the it, came tearing up to the wood closet. other was sung, and at last that one Black Hills. "Why do come out in the storm?" I The boys stood back to give Tommy was named. At its mention the young room to kick; then came a scrambling man grew deadly pale, but did not "Because I must," she said. "Last and shouting of heavy words, and dis- speak; he seemed instantly to be lost

summer was here, I somewhat liked to and asked, in a voice fresh from the him so badly was Annie," said a lady, ive, but I don't want to be here very valley of No. 1, "What seems to be the whispering to the new guest-"but, the least of the evil of life is the best long, even if I was to be warm. I don't matter ?" "Matter ?" "The boys ;" oh! I wish he would sing it; nobody philosophy of life "No one dare sing 'Annie Laurie

lady : "would it be too much for me to lips quivering a little, and then looking up as if he saw a spiritual presence, he begun. Every sound was hushed-it seemed as if his voice were the voice of thankful for the taste of a warm stove, ing like small-pox in an Indian camp. an angel. The tones vibrated through nerves and pulse and heart, and made One man ate 24 and another 18.

> human voice like that-so plaintive, so soulful -- so tender and earnest! He sat with his head thrown back his eyes haif closed-the locks of dark tones, his hands lightly folded before ment.

him; and as he sung-'And 'twas there that Annie Laurie

it seemed as if he shook from head to foot with emotion. Many a lip trem- di than one eye.

And on he sung, and on, holding every one in wrapt attention, till he came to the last verse-

"Like dew on the gowan lying
Is the fa' of her fairy feet—
And like winds in summer sigh
Her voice is low and sweet,
Her voice is low and sweet,

He paused before he added-

"And for bonnie Annie Laurie
I'll lay me down to die." There was a long and solemn pause. The black locks seemed to grow blacker -the white temples whiter-almost imperceptibly the head kept falling back
-the cycs were close shut. One feet being frozen to the limb of a tree, glanced at another-all seemed awe- so that it could not fly. truck-till the same person who had urged him to sing, laid her hand gently

on his shoulder, saying: "Charles, Charles!" Then came a hush-a thrill of horror crept through every frame-the poor increase of wealth in that State from tired heart had ceased to beat-Charles, this source is expected. the love betrayed, was dead.

Cilvil Rights in St. Louis. Klientopf, the barber on Olive street | a valuable ring a lady had lost in it. says the St. Louis Times, has studied the civil rights bill. He was standing in the front part of his barber shop

darkey switching a cane entered and emarked, "I want to get shaved."

'All right,' responded Mr. Kleintopf decided, on the whole, to have a dark remarked, "I want to get shaved." 'have you a cup here?'

'Can't shave you unless you have your own cup.' 'I'll buy one. Will you sell me one? 'Certainly, sir.'

'Five hundred dollars.' 'What?' 'Five hundred dollars.' 'You mean to debar me from getting

shaved?' 'Do you want a cup?' 'At that price?' 'Yes.' 'No.

'How much is it?'

'Git. then.' Kleintopf assumed the attitude of a

troducing fire-proof scenery.

### Varieties.

An atrocious jester advised a dropsieal prisoner to get "bailed out.

If every man wants a fair show in the world let him go to the circus. A man may weaken himself by always

poring over his own weakness The heart is a crystal palace; once

broken it can never be mended. True wisdom in general consists in

nergetic determination. - Napoleon The conceited man is a great comfort himself and needs no sympathy.

It isn't the man who yells the loudest that comes in ahead on the race. The man who keeps his temper at all

mes is the best man every time. We can hardly learn humanity and nderness enough except by suffering. At a distance small men are thought be great, and they should stay there.

Politeness has been well defined as enevolence in small things - Macau-Wilmington is building narrow gauge

disturbed possession of their idiosyncra-

the bridge over which he must certainly Pride is increased by ignorance; those assuming the most who know the least.

There are a thousand backing at the branches of evil to one who is striking

Flocks of wild geese are doing great damage to the wheat fields of Colusa ounty, California.

A party of one hundred enthusiasts

Little drops of rain brighten the readows, and little acts of kindness To make the most of the good and

Pride and weakness are Siamese twins knit together by the indissoluble hy-Solitude is well enough, says an im-

pecunious exchange, until you want to

borrow something. A mind that is conscious of its integ-He did not reply for a moment -his rity scorns to say more than it means perform. -Burns. There are some kinds of men who cannot pass their time alone. They are

the fluils of occupied people. At a Norristown apple dumpling party 40 persons ate 250 dumplings.

one shiver with the pathos of his feel-We must be as courteous to a man as ing; never was heard the melody in a to a picture, which we are willing to give the advantage of a good light. When a man has not a good reason

for doing a thing, he has one good reason for letting it alone .-- Walter Scott The San Francisco newspapers assert hair glistening against his pale temples, that there is a great deal of idle capital his fine throat swelling with the rich in their city, seeking profitable invest-

> You are all of you like the ocean, which distinguished by different appel-lations is, after all, nothing but salt A London newsboy found a \$2,000

amond which he carried about in his

Empty self-praise is said to smell amiss; that may be, but the public has no nose for the detection of unjust blame of others.

Hate is an active, envy a passive dis-

fore, to see how quickly envy passes in Lord Palmerston once said, speaking of the Turks, "What energy can be expected of a people with no heels to their shees?"

The farmers around Antioch, Ga., have sowed 25 per cent. more wheat, and 100 per cent more fall oats than any year since the war.

A large hawk was lately captured in

Some articles of jewelry recovered from the Brooklyn Theatre fire still remain unclaimed in the hands of the Police Property Clerk of that city.

mense forests of California, and a large A large snow bank, at Rutland, Vt., was recently carried into the boiler room of a factory and melted, in order to find

Lumber cutting has begun in the im

character is her invariable readiness to smooth her husband's temperament yesterday, when a sprucely dressed heart. Sprigg's wife woke him up at three

One beautiful trait in a true woman's

green suit and a green velvet bonnet this winter. A very practical old lady having priced a comfortable locking, antique chair at a store devoted to the sale of old curiosities remarked, with a flounce Good gracious! your old truck costs more than the new.

Death is the wish of some, the relief of many, and the end of all. It sets the slave at liberty, carries the banished man home, and the same level, insomuch that life itself were a punishment without it. The most important lesson of life is

to know how to be happy within ourselves, when home is our comfort, and all in it, even to the dog and cat, share our affection. Do not refine away happiness by thinking that which is good may be better.

sorrow, the pomp and ostentation of an effeminate grief, which speak not so One of the New York theatres is in-much the greatness of the misery as the smallness of the mind.

bas hitherto seemed practicable. The plan may not be perfect and may in the rest bas supposed to be supposed to

the part of its opponents.

prived of the pittance promised them through the neglect of men to pay the obligations they have voluntarily taken upon themselves in aid of the support of the church. Many people are too apt to regard their pew rent, and other church debts, in the light of "charitable contributions," and think they are under no legal, or even moral obligations to pay them unless they choose to. Consequently they put off from time to time, and postpone payment until finally the amount has accumulated to such an overage price of an opera ticket ranges from twe that there we not to the such as a part of the business and that of the railroad, like that of the railroad, like that of the churchs, is drawn from the public.

The snow which fell on New Year's day is just disappearing, having remained longer than in any other case in many years. The weather is mild, and the charming and healthful climate of Washington will no doubt delight us and our visitors for the remainder of the winter.

The "Woman Suffrage Women" are holding their annual convention here, going before Congress and its committees and urging Congressional action fravorable to their pet theory of Government. Some of the old veterans in the cause have not so far appeared, and the

which no objection is made shall be counted. All votes which both Houses concur in rejecting shall be rejected. All cases of contexted votes where the two Houses disagree shall be referred to a tribunal to be composed of five members of the House, elected by that branch five members of the Senate. branch, five members of the Senate, ship -Phil. Ledger. elected by that branch, and four justices of the Supreme Court—Clifford, of the . Our Washington Letter. of the Supreme Court Combus, of the first judicial circuit; Strong, of the third circuit; Miller, of the eighth, and Field, of the ninth. The tribunal is to This Congress will go into history

two Houses, specifying what set of votes ministration, or any part of it, or any should, in its opinion, be counted of its hangers ou, have been subjected,

what Chareches Cost.

A writer in Scribber's Monthly contributes a very interesting and suggestive paper. The facts and figures are designed to show that the supports of a family, and then, whater of a family, and th

change their residences

plan may not be perfect and may, in that the sincere clergyman looks only and will be decided to-day. some respects, be objectionable, but it is probably the best that could be obtained under the present circumstances. Compromise and mutual surrender of claims are the foundation stones on which our constitutional government is founded.

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In common with philosophers is that the sincere clergyman looks only or chiefly to the money returns of his too chiefly constitutional government is founded, In common with philanthropists, it is opposition are two fold: first, that the and in a time of national peril, in a great a delight to him to benefit others. And Constitution and laws afford ample and in a time of national peril, in a great struggle between contending parties, the only way to reach a peaceable and satisfactory solution of the trouble is for each party to yield some portion of its claims and demands for the good of the whole.

It is not at all likely that the proposition of the committee will be adopted in either House without determined opposition from the more radical and violent members of each political party, but it is sincerely to be hoped that the conservative element will prove the strongest in each House, and that the plan will be concurred in by majorities sufficiently large to stop all clamor on the part of its opponents.

In common with philanthropists, it is a delight to him to benefit others. And this the belief to their to deal the answer to which sustains him: the denial of duty and of conscience; the answer to which sustains him: the denial of which would crush him. With all the admitted unattractiveness of the calling of a clergyman in a pecuniary point of view, there are always men ready to enter upon it Besides those who fail of the suse and Senate Committees meet together to-day, and if they cannot agree upon a plan, will so report to their respective Houses. The only case I now remember in which the Govern- in the care of their respective Houses. The only case I trators is to be chosen partly by lot.—

There is grim satire in a recent fact here just published. A scholarly element recognises the "trial by lot" is in that of General Officers in the army.—

If two are appointed upon the same day, that two decide by lot which shall be held to have the older rank. In some of the States, United States Senters and now for a few of the statistics from Scribner. Calculated for the meridian of Boston, they will auswer.

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with some qualification for other places.
The value of church buildings in Suffolk THE COST OF CHURCHES.

Elsewhere we publish as article on the continues the largest part, is estimated at eleven and a country. Massachusetts, of which Bostrouble with Chandler was that he could mated at eleven and a country. county, Massachusetts, of which Boston constitutes the largest part, is estimated at eleven and a quarter millions—the number of the churches being one handred and eighty. A large sum; yet thirty buildings in the city of Boston much about the "cost of churches." A careful perusal of the article alluded to will show that it costs far mere to run places of amusement and business than it does churches. The pastore's salaries are, as a general thing, small, and in many instances entirely too small to support their families, and it often occurs that they are even deprived of the pittance promised them through the neglect of men to pay the

the amount has accumulated to such an extent that they are either unable or unwilling to pay it, and if urged to do so they get offended and leave the church, and complain about the "cost of churches."

every public Sunday service. The price of an opera ticket ranges from fifty cents up to two, three, and even four dollars—the last named price being exceptional, of course. The churches in the whole country are presumed to cost, as nearly as may be estimated, treatly millions are appeared. Lippincott's Magazine for February is especially strong in fiction. Besides the content of the old veterans in the cause have not so far appeared, and the public interest in the meetings is not as great as in former years. NEMO.

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The moral obligations of an honest and honorable man to pay any debt that he contracts—which is not for an illegal purpose—and to keep all promises that he makes, is too patent to need even an illusion to. To those who think of religion in America. The reserved an illusion to. To those who think there is no legal means of collecting church debts a hint that churches are incorporated bodies under acts of the Legislature, and can both sue and be would be equal to sixty dollars in the United States.

Legislature, and can both sue and be sued, may be sufficient to induce them to pay up some of their back pew rents

The Proposed Plan of Settling the Presidental Election.

On the second Wednesday of February, the day provided by law, the two Houses will meet the joint convention in the hall of the House to proceed with the count of the vote The President of the Senate will open all the certification.

United States.

A main point exhibited by these approximate figures is, that in the United States, as the writer in Scribner tersely puts it, "to the poor the Gospel is preached!" Large numbers of hearers, especially when a popular preacher gathers throngs, contribute nothing. It is not that they cannot, for they expend in unessential things more than would double or treble the insufficient amount of the Senate will open all the certification. of the Senate will open all the certificates received by him, and submit them to the joint convention. All votes to

Field, of the ninth. The tribunal is to be completed by the selection of a fifth justice of the Supreme Court by the four above-named, according to such a mode above-named, according to such a mode tinguished for. There have been many of the content and many unimportant invessions. as they may decide upon

The tribunal thus constituted will be authorized to examine and take testimony in reference to all contested votes upon which the two Houses do not arrive at a concurrent decision After making up its judgment the tribunal will report the result of the same to the two Houses specifying what set of votes as they may be a subject to the two years which will end next March. That of Mr. Murtagh. President of the Police Board, though at first appearing to be of only local interest, shows that Congressment and gentlement visiting the city, if their politics did not suit the ideas of the administration, or any part of it, or any These votes so reported as proper to be counted will be counted unless both houses decide otherwise.

What Churches Cost.

A writer in Seribner's Monthly con-

necessity, must be found somewhere by the elergyman. And the eases in which force to sustain him until the Congresthe clergyman. And the cases in which the preacher actually pays more for the privilege of preaching, than any one of his congregation does for that of hearing, are, if not a majority of the whole, very near it. Yet severe comment is made on the fact that clergyman so often change their residences. Some idea of the source of the considerable ability and dash, and stands better with Grant than Kellogg does. In Louisiana he is officially called "a shamcless and wicked imposter." The debate in the House yesterday on the operations of the considerable ability and provide the considerable ability and dash, and stands better with Grant than Kellogg does. THE PRESIDENTIAL MUDDLE.

The agreement of the joint committee of Senators and Representatives upon a plan for the settlement of the electoral difficulties presents a fairer prospect for a peaceable solution of the trouble than has hitherta segment presidence. The settlement of the

Further inquiries into the Chandler

Lippincott's Magazine.

Lippincott's Magazine for February is especially strong in fiction. Besides the continuation of George Macdonald's serial, "The Marquis of Lossie," which is equally powerful in incident and delineation of chartacter, there are two capital short stories, "Hebe," by the author of "Blindpits," and "The Cruise of the Heron," by James T. McKay, and the opening chapters of Auerbach's new tale, "Young Aloys; or the Gawk from America," which may be described as glimpses of German life through American spectacles. Of the other articles, the most noticeable are Gail Hamilton's "Railroad Reflections" suggested by a journey on the Union Pacific Railroad, and presenting a vivid picture of the obstacles encountered in the achievement of that great enterprise: the concluding portions of Edward King's "Pictures from Spain" and Edward Bruce's "Floor of Fire," both full of entertaining information, and amply illustrated; and a scholarly analysis of the second part of Goethe's "Faust," by Prof. W. H. Goodyear. There are several poens in the number, the best being "The Christmas Tree," by Emma Lazarus, and a sonnet on "The Wabush," by Maurice Thomson. The "Morthly Gossip" presents the usual variety of topics.

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contain: grove is worth. Mr. Bishop, president | county, there are 52,000 trees that will 'I am really afraid to say what I hon- years. At 800 oranges to the tree, a estly believe an orange grove of 1,000 very low estimate, there will be fur- business, my son?" bearing trees are worth.' 'One thou- nished annually, three years from now, sand bearing trees is a life-long compe- from this half a county, 40,000,000 of tency for any man,' says Captain Dum- oranges. This is but one of a score of mit. John Rebinson says that an orange similar orange centres. Mr Bishop grove may be safely purchased on a ba- authorizes the statement that in the sis of \$100 per tree—that is \$10,000 past ten years there have been 900,000 for 100 trees, or \$100,000 for a grove new orange trees set out or wild trees me hear you box it backward." of 1,000 trees, J. L. Adams put the reclaimed in Florida This will involve lowest estimate at \$50 per tree. Mrs. an addition to the crop of 160,000,000 Harriett Beecher Stowe says that her of oranges. But the development is understand your business." trees have averaged \$15 per annum for now going on faster than ever. It is The boy now took his turn questioneach tree for five years. Mr. Hart, the probable that 40,000 new trees will be asking largest grower in the State, puts the set out this year, some say 60,000 .average yield at \$20 per tree. A tree There is hardly a planter that I have ness?" will yield after its fourth year of bear- met who does not know of two or three ing, 1,000 oranges a year. These men who are putting out groves rangoranges can be sold at from 1½ to 3 cts. ing from two hundred to a thousand a piece. A good quality will command trees. as much as 4 cents net—a great deal depending on freight advantages. These trees will bear for fifty years. It is safe to say, then, that a good grove of 1,000 trees is worth anywhere from \$30,000

The great question of importance then is, 'How long does it take to establish my girls off on the buckwheat straw a grove?' The Sicily oranges, as we all know, produce fruit in fourteen years from the time the seed sprouts, and will bear for seventy years thereafter. The Florida oranges will produce fruit much earlier-in eight years. In other words, a man may plant 1,000 trees this year. In ten years he will have an average yield of 100 to the tree or 100,000 oranges to his grove, with from \$1,500 to \$3,000 on the trees. In five years longer, or in fifteen years from the planting, he will have 500 oranges to the tree, or 500,000 oranges glimmering in the green foliage of his grove, worth from \$7,500 to \$15,000 on the trees. He will thus have by an original outlay of, say \$2,000, in ten years peated a few times the cuttle determined an income of \$2,500 a year, increasing itself to \$10,000 per annum in the next five years. His property will be girls off on the same principle. When worth, at a low estimate, \$50,000 to a young man that I don't like begins

Colonel Dancy, of Orange Mills, has a grove of sixty trees, eleven years old. often and stay as late as he pleases, and I day. He shipped 58,250 oranges, or nearly take pains to hint to the girls that I think "Father," said the young man, "do 1,000 a tree, in the eleventh year. He got 2½ cts. apiece for his oranges, which works first-rate. He don't make many going fishing?" thus netted him \$1,600 or \$26 a tree. Some of the trees bore 2,500 oranges, netting \$68. Mr. E. M. Graham, of I like comes around, a man that I think "Yes he did. He said if you spare Manatee county, put out 800 trees seven years ago. He sold in the seventh year 7,000 oranges, netting him only one cent apiecc, as he is very remote from market and has to wagon his fruit to the steamer. He made \$700 clear in the seventh year. He estimates that his yield in the tenth year will be 25,-000, which will yield him \$2,000 net. He says his place cost him in all about \$3,000, and he wouldn't take \$30,000 married. When I see that they are de-

Thirty mechanics in a machine shop in Connecticut put in \$100 each, and bounds in a machine shop in Connecticut put in \$100 each, and bought a place in Volusia county of graph 1,800 acres, and planted out a grove of In the midst of a cold, disagreeable 1,200 six years ago They have been of storm of sleet and snow in Boston, on Christmas tree. each. The trees are doing well, and in ing crash of thunder, and the phenomena broad platform of '68, and palsied be two years more will yield an annual div- is now the leading subject of discussion idend of more than twice the capital in- among the scientific. vested, and increasing to four times the amount in five years. Fourteen families of those interested are coming down this winter to build on the tract, and take up their permanent residence there. I might give hundreds of instances to prove that a grove of 500 stances to prove that a grove of 500 stances to prove that a grove of 500 stances to prove that a grove of an eligible candidate becomes orange trees, set out from seedlings will in seven years produce an income of a majority " lions of these wild orange trees growing the division of power by the Roman all through Florida. Consuls."

A man who is in a hurry for an income selects one of these wild groves. Then cutting the tree smooth off about six feet from the ground, he inserts a number of sweet orange buds between be for the other, and all for public imthe bark and wood of the stump, covering them carefully so that the air can-Our town first; others afterwards. not get to them. These buds sprout readily, and in three or four years he A logical witness gave his age as has a fine grove of sweet orange trees eight and sixty years. "Why not growing on sour orange stumps. These sixty eight?" "Because I had my transformed trees are the hardiest and eight years before I did the sixty." healthiest that can be found. Another short cut to a mature orange grove is to sealed letter, which is seldem worth buy young trees and have them trans- reading. planted. In any of the leading orange Said a Spanish boatman: "I can forcounties a man can buy four-years-old give anything for love, and so, I supin Californy wonce that way, and begob trees at 1 cent a piece, and have them pose, can the Almighty." transplanted for 25 cents apiece. These trees will bear in three years from the transplanting, and in five years will produce 1,000 oranges to the tree, worth \$15 to \$25 before they are gathered. This is a favorite method of starting a grove, and creates onite of the first of th ing a grove, and creates quite a demand for young trees. There are a great many men who grow seedlings to supmany men who grow seedlings to sup-Our notions of life are much the same as they are about traveling—there is a good deal of amusement on the road, but after all, one wants to be at the road, but after all, one wants to be at the road of the roa

labor so light and the reward so certain rest. labor so light and the reward so certain in orange planting, it may be asked why Florida is not one solid orange grove? I reply that it is very rapidly

becoming so. The number of new trees set out in the past ten years simply incredible. These new trees have hardly A Minister who Couldn't Stand the Test

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your girls all marry off as soon as they

get old enough, while none of mine can

'Oh! that's simple enough I marry

marry?

principle.'

heard of it before.'

'Brown. I don't see how it is that

begun bearing as yet; when their fruit A well-known clergyman was passing A gentleman who writes from Palatka does come on the world will be aston- Lake Erie many years ago upon one of Fla , to the Atlanta Constitution paints ished at the amazing fertility of our the lake steamers, and, seeing a small a glowing picture of the orange groves, "American Italy." Some idea of the lad at the whoel steering the boat, acand thus dilates upon the wealth they extent of the new groves may be had costed him as follows: when I call to mind that within a radius "My son, you appear to be a small It is bard to say how much an orange of ten miles of Leesburg, in Sumpter boy to steer so large a boat." "Yes, sir; but you can see that I of the Fruit Growers' Association, said, be bearing full fruitage in two or three can do it, though."

"Do you think you understand your

Humorous.

"Yes, sir, I think I do." "Can you box the compass?" "Yes, sir."

"Let me hear you box it." Boy boxes the compass. "Well, really, you can do it! Let

Boy boxes it backward. "I declare. my son, you do seem to

"Pray, sir, what may be your busi-

"I am a minister of the Gospel." "I) · you understand your business?" "I think I do, my son." "Can you say the Lord's Prayer?"

Clergyman repeats the Lord's Prayer. "Well, really, you do know it! Now say it backward." Clergyman says he cannot do it.

"You cannot do it, eh? Now, you see I understand my business a great 'But what is that principle? I never deal better than you do yours." Clergyman acknowledged himself

'Well, I used to raise a good deal of beaten, and retired. Some young darkies in Atlanta, Ga., were creating a disturbance outside the church door one Sunday night Old Si came out and said: "Clar out fum heab, you chatterin crows won!" At American Society of the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 8 o'clock, p. m. Masonic Hall. buckwheat, and it puzzled me to know how to get rid of the straw. Nothing would eat it, and it was a great bother to me. At last I thought of a plan. I stacked my buckwheat straw nicely and you chatterin crows, you!" "Amen!" built a high rail fence around it. My said a boy. "Go on, now! I ain't cattle, of course, concluded that it was gwine to hab no foolin' heah; I sot my something good, and at once tore down foot d wn on dat!" continued Si. "I the fence and began to eat the straw. I hear'd yer! When yer sot your ole foot dogged them away and put up the fence down, hit sounds like turnin' ober a dry a few times, but the more I drove them goods box!" rejoined another boy. away the more anxious they became to "Yes; an if I come out dar an' fan yo' eat the straw. After this had been recoat tail wid dis boot, you'll tink dat
you is sot down on de forerd eend ob de
you is sot down on de forerd eend ob de
on the first Thursday of every month at 8 to eat the straw, and eat it they did, coldes' winter dat we's had heah sence every bit of it. As I said, I marry my de big snow!" The boys left.

A young Danbury boy proposed to calling on my girls I encourage him in his father that he go a fishing, but the every way I can. I tell him to come father had other business for him that AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

they'd better set their caps for him. It | you know what Solomon said about boys

"Solomon didn't say anything about calls, for the girls treat him as coolly as they can. But when a young fellow it," replied the parent.

would suit me for a son-in-law, I don't the rod you spoil the child." let him make many calls before I give "I won't spare it," said the old genhim to understand that he isn't wanted tleman, promptly. And he didn't, but around my house. I tell the girls, too, the son thinks he got hold of the wrong

that they shall not have anything to do rod. - Danbury News. with him, and give them orders never HIS REASON.-The other day some to speak to him again. The plan always ladies were out visiting. There being works first-rate. The young folks be- a little two year old present, one of the gin to pity each other, and the next ladies asked him if he would not kiss

thing I know they are engaged to be ber. He answered, termined to marry I always give in and "What is the reason you will not kiss

"I'm too little to kiss you ; papa kis-

ses all the big girls." He was permitted to play with his

fered \$30,000 for the place, which makes Monday, the citizens were startled by a SETTING HIM RIGHT.—"I stand," their shares of \$100 each worth \$1.000 sharp flash of lightning and a deafen-said a Western stump orator, "on the

mine arm if I forsake 'em !" "You stand on nothing of the kind!" vested, and increasing to four times the

Johnson's definition of "ineligible" interrupted a little shoemaker in the

orange trees, set out from seedlings will number of an eligible candidate becomes are the properties of heat?" Boybodies while cold contracts them."

\$1,000, and in ten years of \$3,000, and . There have been a variety of com- Philosopher - 'Very good; give me an be worth from \$25,000 to \$40,000; but promises suggested," says the Toledo example" Boy-"In Summer, when there is even a shorter way of coming Blade, "as applicable to the present it is hot, the days are long; in Winter, at this splendid fortune. This is by emergency, but why has not some bril- when it is cold, the days are short." transforming sour oranges into sweet liant individual suggested that Tilden Exit philosopher, lost in amazement ones, by planting sweet buds in the and Hayes hold the Presidential office that so familiar an instance should have body of the sour tree. There are mil- year about? That has a precedent in so long escaped his own observation.

"Mister, how do you sell sugar, to

Spend your money where you make "Only twenty cents a pound, sir." it; buy your goods at home and not "Can't afford it. I'll drink my cofabroad; encourage your own mechan- fee without sugar, and kiss my wife for ics; sustain your home papers; let each sweetening. Good day, sir."

"Good day. When you get tired of provement. Charity "begins at home." that kind of sweetening, please call again " "I will."

He called next day. A few days ago several holes were charged in a drift in a Gold Hill mine.

One blast failed to go off. One of the miners was ordered to go in and see what was the matter. " No,

I'd rather lave me work than be kilt

ply this demand. An acre will produce Our notions of life are much the formed that he was a brute.

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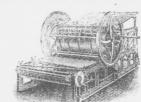
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